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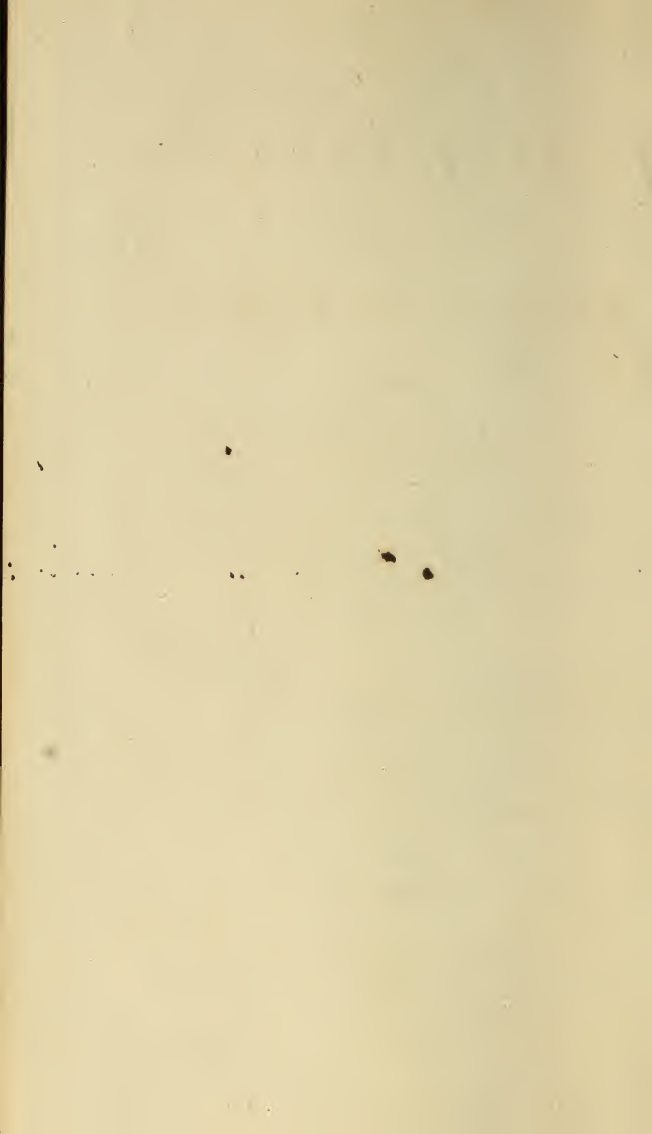
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SHORT  
FAMILY PRAYERS

FOR EVERY  
MORNING AND EVENING

IN THE WEEK.

BY A CLERGYMAN.

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The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.—*Psalm* li. 17.

Let my Prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.—*Psalm* cxli. 2.

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually—giving thanks to his Name.—*Heb.* xiii. 10—15.

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Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?—*Luke xi. 9—13.*

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.—*Luke xviii. 1.*

Watch ye therefore, and pray always.—*Luke xxi. 36.*

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance.—*Ephes. vi. 18.*

Continuing instant in prayer.—*Rom. xii. 12.*

In every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.—*Phil. iv. 6.*

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.—*Col. iv. 2.*

Pray without ceasing.—*1 Thess. v. 17*

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## PREFACE TO THE AMERICAN EDITION.

THE following brief Manual of Prayer at Home, now offered to those among us who love to serve the God of the family around the family hearth at morning and evening, has been long valued and used among those of the like spirit, in the distant land, where under a different title and with a somewhat different aspect it originated. And it is one of those things which make prayer delightful, that it thus swallows up distance and unites those whom oceans and continents divide. In the fellowship of the public, family or closet place of prayer, the beloved of the Lord are not only one in spirit, but one in Him. One petition goes up from one continent,—another from another continent; they meet in Heaven at the same throne of grace, they are poured upon the same prayer-hearing ear, they soften the same prayer loving compassionate and divine heart. Thus those who use this book will unite in Holy Communion not only with God, but with many others of their fellow servants who have the same faith and the same trust. At morning and night while they kneel in the presence of Jesus, and utter the simple words of these Prayers, they can rejoice in the thought that other sinners alike burthened with guilt, are asking for pardon in the same syllables, that others who have laid their all in the hands of Christ, are uttering thanks for his priceless favors in the like accents; that others who feel their feebleness like them, are asking protection for the day or the night in the same sounds of entreaty. So sweet is the thought of this association to believers generally, that those who are engaged in putting forth these forms of prayer would, in that consideration alone, feel that they are doing a good work, without respect to the other advantages which they see in such a Manual, for those to whom want of words, inexperience or timidity render freedom in extemporaneous prayer almost impossible. But how-

ever profitable it may be found to use such a Manual, in these respects, it would be worse than unprofitable, if it induced the entire abandonment of the practice of extemporaneous prayer in families. The purpose of this book is not thus to shut the lips of the heads of households, but rather to assist those who cannot do without such assistance, to afford variety in the devotions of the house, and a devout help whenever the mind is unfitted for the due exercise of the office of leading in prayer, and to guide others by the excellent models here furnished to a like outpouring of the heart before God. In order to help this design the following suggestions are subjoined, drawn principally from that excellent compilation for all prayer loving hearts, the "Treatise on Prayer" by the late Rev. Edward Bickersteth.

Almost all great authorities on the subject as Bishop Wilkins, Dr. Watts and others, have insisted upon the advantage of a *method* in Prayer, and they have divided prayer into these four parts; Confession, Supplication, Intercession and Thanksgiving, and they urge upon those who would pray, and especially who lead the prayers of others thus to parcel out their thoughts, and either in the order here set down, or in some other to proceed to mention the various subjects of our prayer to God. For it ought not to be forgotten that prayer is the intercourse of the soul with the Deity. It is that act by which the Christian, privileged thus far by the express words of Jehovah, comes into the presence of his Maker to ask for all he needs, to utter all his complaints, and to perform imperfectly here below that communion with God which shall only be perfected in that higher sphere where man shall see his Master face to face, and God converse with him as with his fellow. If then our prayer is our converse with God, it is right and well that before we enter his presence we arrange in our minds what we have to say and how to say it. Let him therefore who desires to pray with comfort, first, fix in his mind the subjects of his prayer; next fill his heart with a sense of His greatness, in whose presence he is

about to stand ; then, having previously read a portion of the Scriptures as herein afterward recommended, and called upon all present humbly to kneel, let him begin with an

1. INVOCATION or calling upon God by some of those names by which he loves to be called, as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Almighty and Most Merciful Father, and others ; then proceed to an act of

2. ADORATION, mentioning His attributes : our unworthiness to appear in the sight of His holiness, his mercy in permitting us to come for Christ's sake, in whose name only we venture to appear.

3. CONFESSION, by which we enumerate our sins, original and actual—of our whole lives—of the past day or night in particular—our aggravations of them against love and mercy, in spite of the promises, in disregard of the punishments of God's law.

4. SUPPLICATION or Petition, or Prayer properly, in which we ask for all things that we need ; as deliverance from sin, both from its guilt and its power : from temptation, from the wrath of God : or for his good gifts, as sanctification, obedience, love, and all Christian graces, growth into and conformity to the image of Christ ; for temporal good, as health, friends, food, raiment, success in our labors, and all the comforts and conveniences of life.

5. INTERCESSION for others ; for the salvation of those dear to us and their temporal prosperity ; for the salvation of those of our own parish or Sunday School ; for a blessing on the means of grace ; for the Heathen, the Jew, the waste places of our own land ; for all Christian enterprises, for the Church at large ; for the salvation of the world ; for all who are afflicted in mind, body or estate ; for all oppressed and enslaved ; for the advancement of all humane and holy reforms and for all that concerns our fellow man in every condition.

6. THANKSGIVING, enumerating all mercies ; the inclination to, the power of, the opportunity for prayer, the knowledge of God's word, the means of

grace, special and particular, the hope of glory, all the good we enjoy, or expect; especially *thanks* for prayers which have been heard in the accomplishment of any of those things we have specially asked for.

The CONCLUSION being always an ascription of all to the work of Christ, an expression of the hope of acceptance through him only; summing up all with His own prayer and some scriptural benediction.

Now with this method or some similar one, there are few who cannot offer a regular, systematic and earnest petition, far different from the hasty and ill digested cries with which many a pious man only confuses himself and others. Let us take heed however, that we be not thus tempted into formality, of which indeed there will be no danger if the heart is in the right place while on the other hand, as Dr. Watts truly observes, by thus avoiding the loose habit of speaking what is uppermost, and attempting to learn the holy *skill* of prayer, by a devout recollection of its several parts we shall be more successful in attaining this great gift.

With these remarks we commend our readers to the earnest perusal of the ensuing introduction, and to the directions it contains respecting the prayers that follow, and to the pious use of the prayers themselves.

We trust that whatever objections may linger in the minds of some persons to the use of any form of prayer will be removed by the perusal of what will be found on that subject, in the subjoined address to the reader. If prayer were the action of the lips only, it might be important what words we used in addressing God, but as the prayer consists not in the words, but in that which the words represent, it may certainly be offered as acceptably in the one shape as in the other. And may God who has taught us to pray, has promised to be with us when we pray, and ever delights to be called a prayer hearing God; may God be with all those who shall use this book, and whenever they use it, grant His spirit when they call upon Him, send his presence into the midst of them while they kneel before Him, and hear and answer their cries for the sake of His adorable Son our Most Blessed Saviour in whose name all these petitions are offered up.

## TO THE READER.

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ALTHOUGH Family Prayer is become more general, and thousands can bear their testimony to the comfort as well as the benefit of it, yet are there many families by whom this duty and privilege are still neglected, to the injury of their souls, and to the dishonour of God and of their Christian name. It is in God “we live, and move, and have our being;” and to Him should every family offer up its morning and evening sacrifice of prayer and praise; for with such sacrifices, presented in humility, in faith, and in love, God is well pleased: and it is impossible for words to express the guilt and the danger of those prayerless families, that never assemble together to acknowledge their dependence on God, or their obligations to love and serve him. If God will pour out his indignation upon the heathen, how much more upon those *Christian* families, who call not upon his name! In every dwelling this duty, of all others, should be seriously regarded and regularly maintained. What family is there, whether rich or poor, that has no need to pray for any blessings either temporal or spiritual? What family is there that is not bound in gratitude to offer up its praises to Him “who daily poureth out his benefits upon us?” Every parent or head of a family who is conscious that the soul is of infinite value, must be self-condemned, if he neglect the spiritual welfare of those who ought, for their good, to be

governed by his authority, and influenced by his example.

The daily worship in some families is in the evening *only*, for whose omission of it in the morning no just reason can be assigned. Now let me entreat such families to reflect on the danger of that worldly spirit, which, it is to be feared, is leading them to prefer their temporal to their spiritual and eternal welfare; and let me press upon their serious consideration the Apostle's exhortation to the Philippians, "Be careful for nothing"—that is, with an unbelieving anxiety, and distrust of God's fatherly mercy and good providence—"but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God; and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus." Regard the care of your souls as the chief concern of your lives; and never neglect a duty you owe to your families, that you may go the sooner to your farm or your merchandise; but "*seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you.*"

I am aware that the omission I so deeply regret, and cannot but censure, is too common, and especially in those families whose business is such as to call away their servants, and others, at an early hour in the morning. Though these families cannot be charged with the total omission of this sacred duty, yet are they to be blamed for contenting themselves with only a partial regard to it. Would it not be far better to fix an hour, the most convenient, and when the greatest number would most likely be

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present, rather than withhold that *morning* sacrifice of prayer and praise, which should ascend from every Christian dwelling, and arise from every Christian heart? Ought you to be willing to neglect at any time a duty so important, or to lose a privilege so inestimable, if by any means you can enjoy it? What if but only two or three can be called together, will you therefore plead the engagements of those who are absent as an excuse for your neglect of duty to the few who are present? Has not Christ himself determined how you should act? Has he not marked out the precise line of your duty? And for your encouragement has he not given you this gracious assurance of his presence, “Where *two* or *three* are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them,”—present to accept and bless them, and to manifest myself unto them? *Morning* and *evening*, then, should every Christian family bow the knee before their God and Saviour, to adore and praise his glorious Majesty, to confess their numerous sins, and to implore his abundant mercy. One day telleth another, and one night certifieth another, that the Lord is gracious, and that his tender mercy is over all his works: and it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord; to show forth his loving kindness in the *morning*, and his faithfulness every *night*.

But perhaps the reader is reproaching himself for the total neglect of that duty to which his attention is now so earnestly called. Perhaps he may be saying to himself, “I am indeed a parent, yet have I never prayed with my children, which the Lord hath given me, and in whose fear I should be training them up,

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as the beginning of wisdom. The providence of God has placed me at the head of a family, which I have never called together to pray to him or to praise him : so that, if my children or servants should ever establish family prayer in their houses, to my shame be it spoken, they will not thus act as the effect of any precept or example received from me. I have neglected my duty to God, to my own soul, and to theirs ; for I have not accustomed them to the practice of that duty which ought to distinguish every Christian family." Should such language express the feelings of the reader, and should any one, conscious of the guilt which adheres to the neglect of every known duty, now take up the pious resolution of Joshua,—“ As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,”—a form of Family Prayer is here presented to him ; and with it I would offer a few observations for his profitable use of it.

That the mind may be in a suitable frame for prayer, family worship should *always* begin with reading a Psalm or some portion of Scripture ; and it should be considered a part too essential and important ever to be omitted. It tends to calm and solemnize the mind ; to spiritualize the affections ; and to excite that devout and serious disposition of heart, with which we should always kneel down before the Lord our Maker. If from our worldly occupations we hasten to family prayers, and thus, without any preparation of heart, fall on our knees before God, is it to be wondered at that our hearts should be far from him, and our service an abomination unto him ? The writer having sometimes witnessed this inconsiderate and irreverent manner of conducting family worship,



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feels constrained to bear his testimony against it; and to entreat every head of a family, who omits the reading of the Scriptures, to consider, whether, if so much guilt adheres to those who are partakers in other men's sins, they can possibly be innocent who are in any degree the occasion of them? Would you have your children and servants draw near with you to the Throne of Grace, truly serious and humble, let them first hear you read those sacred Scriptures which are so "profitable for their reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness." Let them first hear the Lord speaking *to them* in his holy word, before they address themselves *to him* in prayer; lest He, who has declared "I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me," should say, "I will not be inquired of by you."

The writer has found it very beneficial to go regularly through the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles in the morning, and the Epistles in the evening; reading a part only of those chapters which are too long to be conveniently read at one time: for what ought to refresh and delight our families, should never be so long as to make them weary of it, or averse to it. He would, however, by no means advise that the Book of Revelations should be altogether passed over because many chapters are too sublime and difficult to be generally understood; for chapters i. ii. iii. iv. v. xxi. and xxii. may be profitably read in the family; as also chap. vi. and chap. vii. from the 9th verse to the end; and chap. xix. to the end of the 16th verse.—"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." "Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this

prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein, for the time (of their fulfilment) is at hand.”

Whenever peculiar circumstances render it necessary to have family worship shorter than usual, rather than the reading of the Scriptures should be wholly omitted, instead of a chapter read a short Psalm, or a portion of Psalm cxix. : and if every Sunday morning one of these Psalms, xxvii. xlv. xlviii. lxvi. lxxii. lxxxiv. xcii. xciii. xcv. xcvi. c. cxviii. cxxii. cxxxii. cxxxviii. or cxlvii., were read instead of the regular chapter, such a change might be very agreeable, as well as profitable, and tend to excite that devotion, which is so acceptable to God, and beneficial to the soul. After reading the Scriptures, let the prayer be read, in a manner *so slow and impressive that the weight and importance of every petition may be felt* whilst it is being offered up to that God who “heareth prayer.”

Family worship, both in the time and manner of it, should be always conducted with as much regularity as possible. Having fixed the most convenient hour, it should be very strictly observed, and no one be absent but from absolute necessity. For any part of a family to be sometimes present, and at other times absent, just as it may happen, is to manifest towards a sacred duty an indifference which must tend to destroy (and especially in your children and servants) that reverence for its sanctity and importance with which their minds cannot be too deeply impressed. And sometimes to read the word of God, and at other times not, is certainly contrary to that order which the Apostle commanded, and which should regulate the pious services of the Christian family, no less than those of public worship.

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In family worship, there is nothing more to be guarded against than deadness and formality; and these evils, which are so much to be dreaded, will gradually steal upon us, unless prayer and watchfulness be inseparably united: for, if our spiritual adversary cannot prevent our attending to any Christian duty, he will certainly try to hinder us from enjoying it, or deriving any benefit from it. And lest he should thus get an advantage over us, I would not that we should be ignorant of his devices, or unwatchful against them. Seeking the glory of God, and the good of our souls, this, and every other act of religious worship, should be accompanied with that seriousness and devotion without which our prayers will be unacceptable in the sight of God, and bring down a curse upon us, instead of a blessing: for “God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” Let us, then, accustom ourselves to enter on the worship of God with serious reflection, and with silent ejaculations for the gracious presence of Christ, and the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, and our souls strengthened and refreshed for his service, in the faithful and conscientious discharge of those duties of life to which in His providence he hath been pleased to call us.

Rejoicing in the various means now employed to make known the salvation of Christ to all nations, the Author has added “A Prayer for the Increase and Prosperity of Christ’s Church and Kingdom,” which he hopes will be frequently and fervently offered up in private, as well as in the family. For though a Paul

should plant and an Apollos water, it is only God that can give the increase ; and unless the reading and the preaching of his word be attended with the enlightening and quickening power of the Holy Spirit, all will be in vain, and countless millions will still live without God, and die without hope.

The Prayer before and the Prayer after receiving the Lord's Supper, will, it is hoped, with the Hymns which have been added, be acceptable and useful to the pious communicant.

And let the Lord's Prayer, as it is paraphrased, be occasionally read, in order that your family may learn how much is expressed and contained in that short but comprehensive form, with which our blessed Lord himself first taught his disciples to pray.

That your children may be early taught to pray for themselves, two prayers have been added for their benefit, in language and sentiments adapted to their infant minds. It is to be regretted that some persons should teach their children to repeat the Apostles' Creed as a prayer. It is not a prayer ; it does not contain one confession of sin, petition for mercy, or thanksgiving for blessings received. It is highly proper that the members of the same communion should unite in one profession of faith ; and in the times which are past, when so few of the poor could read, we must allow it to have been a very instructive part of public worship, and in all ages it will tend to preserve the purity of the Christian faith. But what it becomes a congregation to repeat professedly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment, was never designed for Private Devotion ; and those

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parents who teach their children to say the Belief (as they call the Creed), and to consider it a prayer, are very greatly mistaken, and in an error which it is the design of these observations to correct; and this design would be greatly promoted, if the teachers in Sunday Schools would inquire of their children what prayers they have learnt, and instruct them in the nature of a duty so important.

The short petitions, commonly called Ejaculations, because silently and suddenly darted up to Heaven, will, it is hoped, be committed to memory, and be frequently used, according as you stand in need. For, regarding ourselves as strangers and pilgrims on the earth, we should keep up a constant communion with Heaven, and be continually lifting up our souls in prayer and praise.

The Hymns on Prayer, with which this little work concludes, throw so much light on the subject, and are so instructive and interesting, that no apology for their insertion can be necessary.

The writer is fully sensible that the Prayers with which the reader is presented are "*short*"—and such, indeed, for many reasons, he designed them to be—but he hopes that they will be found in reality much longer than they appear. Many excellent prayers for families being so justly objected to on account of their length, he made it his particular study to be as concise as possible; that, let the engagements of a family be what they may, it might be impossible, with such short prayers, to plead a want of time for the use of them. There is a time for all things—a time for private devotion, for family prayer, and for public worship

—and the Christian who feels the value of his soul, and has a just estimate of his privileges, will give to each its due proportion of time, and “pray to God always.” (Acts x. 2.)

It is hoped that these prayers will not prove the less useful or acceptable, because in some instances the author has availed himself of the writings of others. In preparing what he now presents to the reader, he had no other object than to do good; and good, he trusts, will be the effect of it. To those who may wish at any time to have another book of Family Prayers, in order that the worship of God in their families may be occasionally varied, he would recommend “Knight’s,” as one of the best he is acquainted with.\* The two “Prayers to be used in Families, as an occasional substitute or addition in whole, or in part, to any of the preceding” will, it is hoped, from their fullness and their division into parts, afford a very considerable variety, from day to day, for those who may consider it desirable. Any or all of the divisions of one of these prayers, may be used with or instead of either of the others for that purpose.

And let no one hesitate to use a *form* of prayer, if he is thereby enabled to conduct his family worship more comfortably to himself, and no less beneficially to those whose good it is his object to promote. Our desires must be expressed; and if we meet with a suitable form of prayer, we make the expressions our own whenever we use them; so that the thoughts become the thoughts of our own hearts, as much as if they were extemporaneous, and those words cannot be unacceptable to God which express the desires of

\* Also “Cotterill’s Prayers.” and “Wilberforce’s Prayers”

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our hearts after the promised blessings of his Gospel : for “ this is the will of God, even our sanctification.” To reject a form of sound words merely because it is a *form*, manifests that ignorant and prejudiced state of mind which is to be pitied, as presenting those impediments to conviction which are not to be overcome by the mildest persuasion or the most invincible reasoning. But whether family worship be conducted with or without a form, it is a just cause of thankfulness to every serious Christian, that a duty so important is becoming more general, and that the pious example of Abraham, “ the friend of God,” is more universally observed : for, wherever Abraham and the Patriarchs had a tent, there God had an altar ; and they went in and out before their households, patterns of faith and godliness. We are, indeed, fully assured of Abraham’s pious regard to the spiritual welfare of his family ; and we may well admire his courage and his constancy in worshipping God as “ he went from one nation to another, and from one kingdom to another people,” when we consider the state of those nations and kingdoms through which he passed, and before whom he boldly pitched his tent and built his altar, and called upon the name of the Lord. To them his God was unknown ; and hatred and derision were all that could be expected from them. Under all these trials of his faith how honorable was the testimony he received from Him who “ searcheth the heart,” and whose “ eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good !” “ I know him, that he will command his children, and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord.” Let

all, then, who would say in truth, "We have Abraham," the father of the faithful, "to our father," walk in his steps; and seek for themselves and for their children that "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God:" that city which Abraham once "looked for," and now enjoys. And may the Lord hasten that happy time, when every Tent shall have its Altar, and every head of a family be the priest to present its daily sacrifices of prayer and praise, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate: to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen* and *Amen*.



OUR Father, who art in heaven ; hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation : But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

GRACE, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be unto us, and all whom we should remember, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon us, and remain with us now and ever. *Amen.*

THE Lord bless us and keep us : the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us : the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon us ; and so fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live in this life that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

## HYMN.

- 1 **P** RAYER is the soul's sincere desire,  
Uttered or unexpressed ;  
The motion of a hidden fire,  
That trembles in the breast.
- 2 Prayer is the burden of sigh,  
The falling of a tear,  
The upward glancing of an eye,  
When none but God is near.
- 3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
That infant lips can try ;  
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach  
The Majesty on high.
- 4 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,  
The Christian's native air,  
His watchword at the gates of death ;  
He enters heaven with prayer.
- 5 Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,  
Returning from his ways ;  
While angels in their songs rejoice,  
And say, "Behold, he prays !"
- 6 The saints, in prayer, appear as one  
In word, and deed, and mind,  
When with the Father and his Son  
Their fellowship they find.
- 7 Nor prayer is made on earth alone,  
The Holy Spirit pleads ;  
And Jesus, on th' eternal throne,  
For sinners intercedes.
- 8 O Thou, by whom we come to God,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way,  
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod ;  
( 20 ) Lord, teach us how to pray,

## FAMILY PRAYERS.

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WHICH MAY BE USED AS PRIVATE PRAYERS BY SAYING  
I FOR WE AND ME FOR US.

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### SUNDAY MORNING.

GRACIOUS God, may we ever consider it not only our duty, but our privilege, to worship thee. Grant us a grateful sense of thy mercies, and help us to praise thee for them. Give us grace to welcome this holy day with joy, and make us diligent to improve its sacred hours, to the glory of thy Name, and the salvation of our souls.

We praise thee for permitting us to behold another Sabbath. Thou hast in mercy preserved us through the night; and we beseech thee, O Lord, to bless us on this thy day with a spiritual, heavenly frame of mind! May we never neglect thy holy worship, or be lukewarm in thy blessed service; but may we always keep thy Sabbaths, and reverence thy sanctuary. May we be willing to deny our-

selves any pleasure, or to suffer any loss, rather than break thy commandments, which are holy, just, and good. Help us to watch over our thoughts, words, and works, remembering the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

In public and in private, give us grace to worship thee, O God, in spirit and in truth. O Lord, pardon our sins, sanctify our hearts, and make us meet to serve thee here, and to praise thee for ever hereafter. Cheer us with the light of thy countenance, and refresh us with the dew of thy blessing.

Go with us, O Lord, we beseech thee, to thy house of prayer. Grant us grace there to confess our sins with godly sorrow; to pray in faith; and to offer up our praises with unfeigned gratitude and joy. May we come before thy presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in thee with psalms.

Look down with tender mercy on all those who, by sickness or any other adversity, may be kept from thy house of prayer. Assist them to worship thee, and cause them to rejoice that thou art every where present to hear and answer their supplications.

Bless all thy faithful ministers, and make them wise to win souls to Christ. Send

forth more labourers into thy vineyard. Bless especially, those who are preaching the Gospel in heathen and distant lands. May all nations hear and receive thy holy word: and may there be added to the church, daily, numbers of such as shall be saved.

Have compassion on the Jews. Pity, O Lord, the despised outcasts of Israel. Take away their shame and their reproach. Give them faith to believe in Jesus as their anointed Prophet, Priest, and King. Gather them out of all nations whither thou hast driven them, and speedily fulfil to them that gracious promise of thy word "I will be your God, and ye shall be my people."

Cause thy holy word to come this day with power to our souls, and to the souls of our fellow-worshippers. Save and deliver us, O Lord, from vain and wandering thoughts. May we be serious and devout in thy service, and rejoice in thy favour and blessing.

And whilst we thankfully embrace every opportunity of public worship, grant that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and may his love constrain us henceforth to live not unto ourselves, but unto him, who died for

us, and rose again: to whom, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit, be ascribed all praise, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

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### SUNDAY EVENING.

**B**LESSED Lord, give us grace to review with gratitude the mercies which we have this day received. Praised be thy holy Name for every Sabbath we enjoy. May the prayers we present, and the praises we offer, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

For thy Name's sake, O Lord, and for Jesus Christ's sake, be gracious and merciful unto us. All our sins are known to thee: Do thou, O Lord, forgive them. All our wants are before thee: O, do thou supply them.

Heavenly Father, thou hast been pleased to favour us beyond millions of our fallen race, and to enlighten us with the knowledge of thy word: O that we may thankfully receive thy blessings, and diligently improve them. Give us grace to live a life of faith in thee, and devotedness to thee. Let us

not be Christians in word and in tongue only, but in deed and in truth.

Cherish in us, we beseech thee, whatever holy desires, or pious resolutions, thy word and Spirit may have created in us this day. Let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of thy word. Make us watchful, that our spiritual enemy may not come and take away thy word out of our hearts, and destroy our souls. O cause it to take deep root in our hearts, and with its holy fruits to adorn our lives. Let us not be of those who hear the word with joy, and in time of temptation or persecution fall away; nor let it be choked with the cares, or the riches, or the pleasures of this life; but may we understand it and keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Give us an increase of faith, hope, and love. May our faith be strong in Christ, to the honour of his name, and the salvation of our souls. May our hope be sure and steadfast. May our love, as a holy flame, purify our hearts, and shine forth in our lives.

Command thy blessing, O Lord, to rest abundantly on the labours of thy ministers. May the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

have free course, and be glorified. Extend his church and enlarge his kingdom. May all nations come and worship before him, and magnify his Name.

Bless, gracious Lord, our dear relations and friends, and give them the same blessings which we have asked for ourselves.

By thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: may we lie down in peace, and rest in safety. And when our Sabbaths are ended here on earth, may we enjoy an eternal Sabbath in heaven, and rejoice for ever in the love of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

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MONDAY MORNING.

**O** THOU Father of mercies and God of all comfort, incline our hearts to love thee, and give us strength to serve thee. Make us truly humble for all our sins: and unfeignedly thankful for all thy mercies.

We have destroyed ourselves, but in thee is our help. Help us, O God of our salva-



tion, for the glory of thy Name. O be merciful unto us, and deliver us from our sins, for thy Name's sake.

We praise thee for the safety and comfort of the past night, and adore thee for all thy renewed mercies to us this morning. May we cheerfully renew the dedication of ourselves to thee; for thine we are, and thee we ought to serve. Give us grace to love thee truly, to serve thee faithfully, and to depend on thee without wavering.

With prayer and watchfulness may we now enter on the cares and the duties of life. Preserve us, O Lord, from the evil that is in the world. May we remember thy word, and bring forth the fruits of thy Spirit. Grant us to be pure in heart and holy in life.

Give thy blessing, O Lord, to all that thy providence may call us to do, and grant us resignation to all that thy wisdom may appoint us to suffer. May we have no will but thine, and no regard to any thing compared with thy glory.

May thy love, O blessed Jesus, reign in our hearts, and place the world under our feet. Whilst we sojourn on the earth, may

we look forward to heaven as our rest, and be daily travelling towards it as our home.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to have mercy upon all men. Bless our Rulers whom thou hast put in authority over us. Bless the nation in which we live. Remember with thy most gracious favour, all who are near and dear to us. Cause them to know thy love, to rejoice in thy salvation, and to live after thy commandments.

Be with us, we beseech thee, through this day. Let thine arm defend and strengthen us; and let thy Holy Spirit be our guide and comforter in all our ways.

Favourably with mercy hear these our supplications and prayers, and vouchsafe to accept our praises: through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Redeemer; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be unto us, and all who belong to us, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## MONDAY EVENING.

O THOU in whom we live, and move, and have our being; may we reverence thy glorious majesty, and adore thine infinite mercy. Assist us by thy grace when we come into thy presence. May we never draw near to thee, O Lord, with our mouths, or profess to honour thee with our lips, whilst our hearts are far from thee; but may we serve thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear. Whenever we ask for spiritual blessings, may we deeply feel our need of them; and may it be the earnest desire of our souls to receive them.

We beseech thee, gracious God, to pardon all our sins. We confess our guilt: we have nothing to plead but thy promises. O be merciful unto us, for the glory of thy Name. Restore our souls, for we have sinned against thee. Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed; save us, and we shall be saved; for thou art our praise, and our hope is in thy mercy. May we be justified by faith, and have peace with thee, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O blessed Jesus, deliver us from the guilt and power of sin: let it have no dominion over us: but grant that we, being made free from sin, may be thy servants, have our fruit unto holiness, and our end everlasting life.

Make us careful, O Lord, to redeem our time. Keep us mindful of death and eternity; nor let us ever forget that we must soon lie down, to rise up no more in this world. When earthly comforts fail us, then grant us to rejoice the more in spiritual blessings. And when we die, may we fall asleep in Jesus, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead: may we go down to the grave full of the blessed hope of eternal life.

To thy mercy and love, O heavenly Father, we now commend ourselves. Watch over us, O thou Shepherd of Israel. Keep us by night and by day. Let thine eye be ever upon us, and thine everlasting arms round about us. Preserve us from the unholy designs of wicked men and evil spirits. Let no evil happen unto us. May our sleep be sweet and refreshing. And grant that whether we sleep or wake, live or die, we may be thine in Christ Jesus.

Bless, we beseech thee, all whom we should remember before thee; and do for us, for our dear relations and friends, for all men and our country, and for the increase of thy true religion, abundantly above all that we are able to ask or think; for Jesus Christ's sake: in whose name and words we further pray, saying,

Our Father, &c.

May grace, mercy, and peace, &c.

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TUESDAY MORNING.

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, what shall we render unto thee for all thy benefits conferred upon us! Adored be thy mercy for all the blessings we are continually receiving from thee. How hast thou renewed our lives and our mercies to us this morning! May all that is within us bless thy holy name. O put thy Spirit within us, and cause us to walk in thy statutes. Give us grace to glorify thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are thine.

We praise thee, O God, for the unspeakable gift of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Grant us so to believe in him, that we may have life through his Name.

We praise thee for the gift of the Holy Ghost. May our bodies be the temples of his continual abode. Let us not walk according to the course of this world, according to the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience; but, as the children of God, may we be led by the Spirit of God, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Let us not resist or grieve thy Holy Spirit, but in all things obey his godly motions, to thy glory, and to our comfort and salvation. May our understanding be enlightened, our hearts sanctified, and our wills subdued, according to the working of his mighty power.

Be with us this day, to bless and uphold our souls. Grant us the joy of faith, the patience of hope, and the comfort of love; that we may rejoice in thy mercy, and give praise to thy Name. Save and deliver us from all the evils which we feel or fear, or cause them to work together for our good. Compass us about with thy favour as with a shield. Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve us.

Make us diligent, we pray thee, in the discharge of our temporal and spiritual duties. Incline us so to seek thy kingdom and righteousness, that all other things may be added unto us. Make us watchful and circumspect, ever remembering that thou, O God, seest us. In silent prayer and praise may we lift up our hearts to thee, and have frequent communion with thee. Give us grace to set an infinite value upon our souls. In the midst of life, may we think on death, judgment, and eternity; and give us all diligence to be found of Christ, in peace with God, without spot and blameless.

O Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon us, and upon all whom we should remember, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## TUESDAY EVENING.

**O** ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life, we bow down before thee this evening: and we beseech thee to accept and bless us, for the alone sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Assist us to draw near to thee, and grant us to enjoy communion with thee.

We praise thee for all thy mercies; and we beseech thee to forgive us all our sins, which are more than we can number, and greater than we can express; for in many things we offend, and that continually. Grant us daily repentance toward thee, O God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses, for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions; but according to thy mercy remember thou us, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Heal all our backslidings, receive us graciously, and love us freely.

Give us grace to renounce the world; make



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us willing to crucify the flesh; and strengthen us to resist the devil. Help us to deny ourselves, to take up our cross, and to follow Christ. Preserve us from every thing that would dishonour his holy Name. May we depart from all iniquity, and avoid every temptation to sin. Give us to see the evil of sin in the death of Christ, and fill us with holy zeal and indignation against it. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. Make us more humble, more thankful, more holy.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to bless our Rulers and to endue their counsel with Thy wisdom. We pray thee also to be gracious and favourable to our country. O may it ever abound with that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

Bless the ministers of thy glorious Gospel and enable them rightly to divide the word of truth. Give them grace to warn the unruly, to comfort the feeble-minded, to support the weak, and to be patient toward all men.

Bless, Lord, all our dear relations and friends. Extend to them, we beseech thee, thy grace and favour. Give them, for Christ's sake, every blessing needful to their salvation.

Have mercy upon all men. Comfort the sick. Succour the tempted. Relieve the oppressed. Be the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow. Give joy to those who mourn for sin. Bind up the broken-hearted, and save such as be of a contrite spirit; giving them everlasting consolation and good hope, through thy grace and mercy in Christ Jesus.

Into thy hands we now commend ourselves, our souls and bodies. Enable us, O Lord, to bless and praise thee for all that we have received from thee: and while we rely upon thy mercy, may we ever seek thy honour and glory: through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Our Father, &c.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon us and upon all whom we should remember, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

**G**RACIOUS God, thou hast spared us to see the light of another day. May we approach thy throne, rejoicing in thee, and ascribing all our salvation to thee.

We thank thee, O Lord, for all thy mercies renewed to us this morning. May they increase in us a renewed sense of thy love to our souls. Draw out our desires after thee, and fix our affections upon thee. May we begin this day in thy strength, pass through it in thy fear and love, and end it to thy glory.

We praise thee for thy holy word, which thou hast given to be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our paths. May we walk as children of the light; and may our cheerful obedience to thy will, prove to ourselves and others that we partake of thy grace.

We bless thee, O Lord, for such a fountain of wisdom and holiness; and we pray, that in all our troubles we may hope in thy word, and derive all our comfort from it. May it remove our doubts and calm our fears, and show us the way wherein we should go.

When our souls cleave to the dust, may we be upheld by its quickening and sanctifying power. May it dwell in us richly, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. May we love its precepts, fear its threatenings, and believe its promises, to the saving of our souls.

Incline us to search the Scriptures daily. May we not only read, but also mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; and know, to our peace and joy, that blessed Jesus of whom they testify. Grant that we may have frequent occasions to rejoice, and to say of thy words, They are spirit and they are life.

We pray thee, O Lord, to send forth thy light and thy truth to the nations that are sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death. Bless all the societies established in this land for the making known the revelation of thy will. Make them the glory of our land, and the joy of the whole earth. Give to all who are engaged in these labours wisdom, zeal, humility, and love.

And as we pray for the spread of thy word at home and abroad, so we beseech thee also to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy

holy Name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

And now, O Lord, while we offer up our morning sacrifice of praise for all thy mercies, we beseech thee to forgive us all our sins, and to bless, preserve, and keep us this day, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Our Father, &c. The grace, &c.

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O THOU that hearest prayer, pour down upon us the Spirit of grace and of supplication. Teach us how to pray. Help us to make known our wants unto thee, who alone canst supply them. Enable us so to ask, that we may receive, and so to seek that we may find. May we pray in the Spirit, and be accepted of thee, O heavenly Father, through thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Through him may we obtain mercy, and find grace to help in every time of need.

May we always approach thee in humility and sincerity; for the prayer of the upright is thy delight. Let us not regard iniquity in

our hearts; for if we do, thou wilt not hear us.

May we pray in faith, and never doubt thy power or will to save all who come to thee by Jesus Christ. O help us to come to thee in his Name, and to plead the atonement of his precious blood. In all our prayers may we rely on his gracious mediation, and trust in his all-prevailing intercession.

May we pray without fainting, and have strength to pursue our heavenly course without weariness, Grant us to be more frequent and more earnest in our prayers; and be thou graciously pleased to answer them, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

Pardon our sins; and daily renew us, we beseech thee, after the image of Christ Jesus our Lord. Sanctify our hearts, and satisfy our souls with thy mercy.

But whilst we pray for ourselves, let us never be unmindful of others. Look down O Lord, on our dear relations and friends, and visit them with thy salvation. May it be their privilege to know thee, and their blessedness to rejoice in thee.

Comfort and succour all them who in

this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Bless our Rulers and our country. Pour out upon us the spirit of repentance and reformation. Grant us to be a people fearing thee and working righteousness.

Send forth the riches of thy grace, and make known to all nations the saving power of thy word, Let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God, and rejoice in Jesus our exalted Prince and Saviour.

Finally, Lord, we bless thee for all thy goodness to us; and we beseech thee still to preserve and keep us from all evil. By night and by day may we be under the continual protection of thy good providence. Extend thy love to us, and thy care over us this night; and give us grace to pray to thee without ceasing, till we are called to praise thee for ever in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. The grace, &c.

## THURSDAY MORNING.

**G**LORIOUS Jehovah, give us such a sense of thy majesty and of thy mercy, as shall fill us with deep humility. Thou art holy, but we are unholy by nature and by practice. Lord, have mercy upon us; and for Christ's sake pardon our sins, and make clean our hearts within us. Give us grace to watch against the first motions of sin in the heart, and strengthen us to suppress and overcome them.

Assist us by thy grace to watch over our thoughts, words, and works. May we hate vain thoughts, and daily become more spiritual and heavenly-minded. Help us to keep our tongues as it were with a bridle. May we be slow to speak, slow to wrath. Save us, O Lord, from a contentious spirit, and grant that we may speak evil of no man. Suffer us not by word or deed to grieve thy blessed Spirit, or dishonour our Christian name. Grant us to live in the daily exercise of that pure and peaceable wisdom, which cometh down from above. May we show forth our wisdom in refraining our lips from every evil word, and our feet from every evil



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way. Let us carefully watch the principle, and mark the end of our actions. May love to Christ be the principle, and his glory the end, of all that we do.

Help us, O God of our salvation, to mortify and subdue the pride and wickedness of our hearts. Deliver us from self-seeking and self-pleasing. Grant that we may be humble in prosperity, and patient in adversity. Make us willing to be last of all, or the servants of all if so thou in all things mayest be glorified.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to bless and defend our Rulers and our country. Continue to us the pure light of thy holy Gospel. Let there be peace and truth in our day: yea, let truth and justice, religion and piety, be established among us for all generations. Bless all ranks and degrees of men. Make the poor rich in faith, and the rich poor in spirit. Bless and prosper abundantly the ministers of thy holy word. Bless them in their own souls, and grant them to be a blessing to the souls of others. Send forth the messengers of thy grace to all nations and fill the earth with the knowledge and love of Christ our Saviour.

We praise thee, O Lord, for thy preserving

care, which hath been over us to the present moment. We bless thee for the mercies of the past night, and for thy goodness to us this morning. Give us grace to begin and end every day with prayer and praise; and, vile as we are, and unworthy of the least of all thy mercies, O do thou bless us, and accept us in Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer; who hath taught us to pray, saying, Our Father, &c.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us: the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon us, and so fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

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## THURSDAY EVENING.

**WE** praise thee, O Lord, for all thy mercies to us this day. Thou daily pourest out thy benefits upon us. Blessed be thy Name, O thou God of our salvation. May we derive all our joy and peace from thee, and find all our comfort and happiness

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in living for thee. Establish, we pray thee, that kingdom within us which is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. In this dying world may our faith be in Christ, the Resurrection and the life. In this changing world, may we never be moved away from the blessed hope of the Gospel. Let not our faith be overthrown; let not our hope sink in despair; let not our love fail but may they be firmly fixed on Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

Lead us in the narrow path of eternal life, and uphold our goings, that our footsteps slip not. Enable us so to pass through this world of sin and danger, that we may at last reach the heavenly Canaan. O bring us to that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Whilst we live may we live unto thee, O Lord; and when we die may we die unto thee.

Bless us, O Lord, as a family. Forgive us all our sins, and subdue in us every unholy temper and disposition. May we so dwell in love, that thou, the God of love and peace, mayest be with us. Bless our dear friends. Forgive our enemies, and turn their hearts; and give us grace freely to forgive them, even as we hope to be forgiven. Let the same

mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. Give us grace so to learn of Him, who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest to our souls.

Be gracious and favourable, O Lord, to our country. Let thy providence be our defence, and thy presence our glory. Give to all who are in authority wisdom and courage to use it to the honour of thy Name, and the welfare of those whom thou hast put in subjection under them. Grant to all who are in places of public trust, grace to be faithful to the public interest.

Bless and prosper thy holy church universal, and especially that part of it to which we belong. Increase the number of thy faithful people, and make them fruitful in every good word and work.

Keep us mindful, O Lord, that the end of all things is at hand. Let us not be weary in well-doing, but may we be sober, and watch unto prayer.

May we lie down this night reposing our souls and bodies upon thy mercy and love, O God our Saviour. And when our day of grace is ended, then as faithful servants may we enter into the joy of our Lord, and rejoice

in the glory of our blessed and exalted Redeemer: to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed everlasting praise.  
*Amen.*

Our Father, &c.  
God the Father, God the Son, &c.

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FRIDAY MORNING.

**O** THOU ever-blessed and glorious Jehovah, we are unworthy to come into thy presence; we are unworthy to call upon thy Name; we deserve nothing but thy wrath. But with thee, O Lord, there is mercy, and with thee is plenteous redemption. Save, Lord, or we perish. Oh cast us not away from thy presence. Incline thine ear, and hear us. Grant unto us pardon and peace, that we may serve thee with a quiet mind.

Teach us thy ways, O Lord, and enable us to walk in thy truth. Give us grace to delight in thy law, which is holy, just and good. May we be followers of thee, O God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also loved us, and gave himself for us. Prepare

us for the duties and trials for which we may be called, for we know not what a day may bring forth. Let thy wisdom guide us, and thy power uphold and strengthen us.

Give us not up to the sinful desires of our hearts, neither leave us to follow our vain imaginations. Suffer not the enemies of our peace and salvation to prevail against us. But grant that we, walking in thy fear, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, may enjoy that peace which passeth understanding, and which the world can neither give nor take away.

Living in a world of sin and sorrow, we bless thee, O Lord, for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear. Give us grace to follow them, who through faith and patience now inherit the promises. Help us to fight the good fight of faith, that we may lay hold on eternal life.

Regard with thy favour and blessing our dear relations and friends. May they all partake of thy grace here, and of everlasting glory hereafter.

Be merciful to thy church and people, and grant that, however dispersed or distressed, they may all be united and comforted together

in Christ. Supply the wants of all who believe in his Name, and are devoted to his service. In all times of their tribulation, good Lord, deliver them.

Bless the ministers of the Gospel—all who preach Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life. Add to their number, and increase their faithfulness and zeal. May they speak the truth in love; and give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Bless, gracious God, our country, and all whom thy providence hath set over us; and may it be our holy determination to serve thee, O Lord, and to obey every ordinance of man for thy sake.

Accept our praises, O Lord, for every blessing we enjoy. May thy mercies draw our hearts towards thee in gratitude, and unite them to thee in love. Finally, we beseech thee to bless us when we lie down and when we rise up, and to bless us in our going out and coming in, from this time forth for evermore: through Jesus Christ our Saviour; in whose holy name and words we farther pray, saying,

Our Father, &c.

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The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

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FRIDAY EVENING.

**O** LORD God of our salvation, from whom alone all good things do come, we beseech thee to supply all our wants out of thy fulness, and of thy tender mercy to pardon all our sins. Our sins are many and great: O Lord, forgive them. Our mercies are innumerable and undeserved: O make us truly thankful for them.

We live upon thy bountiful grace and mercy: enable us, we beseech thee, to live to thy honour and glory. May the love of thee take full possession of our hearts, and be manifested in our lives. Give us grace to walk before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

May we serve thee with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind. Laying aside every weight, with the sin that doth most easily



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beset us, may we run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

O God our Saviour; thou that givest strength unto thy people, let us not faint or be weary in our minds; but do thou comfort and support us, that we may steadfastly endure unto the end. Whilst some are departing from thee, give us grace to cleave to thee with full purpose of heart; that, being faithful unto death, we may receive the crown of glory which fadeth not away.

Save us, O God, from those covetous desires which pierce the soul with many sorrows; and from that love of the world by which so many are enslaved to its pleasures. Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken thou us in thy way. Grant us to be spiritually minded, which is life and peace.

Incline us to seek the glory of His Name, whose tender mercy sought the salvation of our souls: and may the care of our souls be the chief concern of our lives. Oh that each of us may say in truth, of thy beloved Son, He is my beloved Saviour. May it be manifest to us, that we are accepted of God the Father, and redeemed of God the Son, by being sanctified of God the Holy Ghost.

Let the close of this and every day remind us that all things are coming to an end. As good servants of Christ, our blessed Lord and Master, may we be always looking for his coming. Grant that it may be our blessedness to be found watching, and our reward to enter into the joy of our Lord. Save us in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

Give thy blessing, O Lord, to our Rulers, and let it rest abundantly on our country. Be gracious to our dear relations and friends, and make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

To thy fatherly care we now commend ourselves. May we always abide under the shadow of thy wings, and know to our peace and joy, the God in whom we believe. And should we arise in the morning, to enter again on the duties of this life, may thy fear and love dwell in our hearts, and influence all our doings. May thy grace and mercy preserve us from every evil way, and enable us so to pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

We ask all in thy name, and for thy sake, O blessed Jesus, who art ever worthy, with

the Father and the Holy Spirit, to receive equal honour and endless praise; and who hast graciously taught us to pray, saying,

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

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### SATURDAY MORNING.

**BLESSED** Lord, thy mercies are new every morning. O help us to praise thee for thy faithfulness and truth.

Preserved by thy goodness and mercy to the beginning of this day, we bless thee for thy care of us during the night. We praise thee for all thy mercies, temporal and spiritual, known and unknown. Gracious God, we are inclined to forget thee, and prone to depart from thee. Henceforth enable us to set thee always before us; and whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, to do all to thy glory.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pardon all our sins: cleanse us from their guilt, and deliver us from their power. Show unto us more of the vanity of the world, the evil of sin, the worth of our souls, the glory of Christ, and the beauty of holiness.

May thy blessed word be our rule, and thy Holy Spirit our Guardian and Guide, in all our ways. Let us never follow the multitude to do evil. May we frequently and seriously inquire what are we doing, and whither are we going? Make us careful to abstain from all appearance of evil, that the ways of truth and holiness may not, on our account, be spoken against. O may it be our study to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

May we be zealous for the honour and glory of his Name. Let us never feel cold or indifferent to the cause of Christ and his Gospel; but may our hearts burn within us to spread abroad the knowledge of His love, who died that we might live, and who now ever liveth to make intercession for us.

O let the earth be filled with the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Blessed Jesus, seek and save the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and bring the fulness of the Gentiles into thy fold. Lead into the way of truth those who are wandering from it; and keep thy people, O Lord, steadfast in the faith, and hope, and love of the Gospel; and that they may persevere unto the end, grant them grace to take heed lest they fall.

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Bless and assist thy ministers this day in meditating on thy word. To-morrow may they all go forth in thy strength, and turn many to righteousness.

We beseech thee, heavenly Father, to hear the prayers of thy children, and to give thy Holy Spirit to them that ask thee. Let those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified, who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servants.

Bless us, O Lord, we beseech thee, together with our dear relations and friends. Convict, convert, and save them forever. Bless us, and we shall be blessed indeed. Bless us and them with the knowledge of ourselves as sinners, and of Christ Jesus as our Lord and Saviour: to whom be glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be unto us, and all who belong to us, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## SATURDAY EVENING.

O THOU gracious and merciful God, blessed be thy Name for preserving us in a world of sin and danger. We praise thee for having brought us in safety not only to the end of another day, but also of another week.

We bless thee, O Lord, for all the mercies which we have received from thee; and we pray and beseech thee for Christ's sake to pardon all the sins which we have committed against thee. O blot them out of the book of thy remembrance; let them not appear in judgment against us, but cleanse us from their guilt in the precious blood of Christ our Saviour.

Create and cherish in our souls a hungering and thirsting after righteousness. By faith, with thanksgiving, may we daily feed upon the true Bread which came down from heaven. May the Holy Spirit be in us as a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life, in holy desires and heavenly affections. Grant, Lord, that we may never thirst after the riches or the pleasures of the world; neither

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let us be overcharged with its cares, lest that day of Christ's appearing to judge the world come upon us when we look not for it.

Keep us in safety, we beseech thee, this night; and should we see the light of another Lord's Day help us, O Lord, to deny ourselves all unnecessary sleep and self-indulgence. Give us grace and strength to rise up early in the morning. Early in the morning may we direct our prayers and praises unto thee, and look up to the throne of thy grace in humble expectation of thy mercy. May we redeem from our beds some portion of time for prayer and praise, that our souls may prosper and be in health.

Prepare us for the sacred duties of the Holy Day, Visit our souls when we awake, with the light of thy heavenly grace. May we arise strengthened and refreshed for thy service. Draw out our desires after thee, and raise our affections to thee. In private devotion, in family prayer, and in public worship, may we enjoy communion with thee, O God, and know thy love to our souls, who art gracious and full of compassion.

Bless thy ministers, and crown their labours with success. Give them wisdom as well as

zeal. Fill them with love, and clothe them with humility.

Bless and defend thy Church. Stir up thy faithful people, O Lord, to pray for her peace, and to labour for her prosperity. May all who name the Name of Christ depart from iniquity. Give to those who profess to abide in him, grace to walk even as he walked. May our whole life be a life of faith in and obedience to Christ, the Son of God.

And now, gracious Lord, for all thy patience with us, thy care over us, and thy continual mercies to us, blessed be thy holy Name for ever and ever: through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

#### Our Father, &c.

May grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be unto us, and all who belong to us, now and for ever. *Amen.*



# P R A Y E R S

TO BE USED IN FAMILIES AS AN OCCASIONAL SUBSTITUTE  
OR ADDITION IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO ANY OF THE  
PRECEDING.

## MORNING PRAYER.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting *Acknowledgment*  
God, in whom we live and *of God's mercy and*  
move and have our being; we, *preservation espe-*  
thy needy creatures, render thee *cially through the*  
*night past.*  
our humble praises, for thy preservation of us  
from the beginning of our lives to this day,  
and especially for having delivered us from the  
dangers of the past night. To thy  
watchful providence we owe it,\* *\* When disturb-*  
(that no disturbance hath come nigh *ances of any kind*  
us or our dwelling: but, that we *befall a family,*  
are brought in safety to the begin- *instead of this,*  
ning of this day.) For these thy *say, that notwith-*  
mercies we bless and magnify thy *standing our dan-*  
glorious name; humbly beseeching *gers, we are*  
thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of *brought in safety*  
praise and thanksgiving; for his sake who *to the beginning*  
lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, *of this day.*  
thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Dedication of soul and body to God's service, with a resolution, to be growing daily in goodness.* **A**ND, since it is of thy mercy, O, gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; we here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Prayer for grace to enable us to perform that resolution.* **B**UT O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with; we humbly beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And, above all, keep in our mind a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and according to the works done

in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by him whom thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**I**N particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions, thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways \*(and prosper the works of our hands in the business of our several stations.) Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we

*For grace to guide and keep us the following day, and for God's blessing on the business of the same.*

*\* On Sunday morning, instead of this, say, and let thy Holy Spirit accompany us to the place of thy public worship, making us serious and attentive, and raising our minds from the thoughts of this world to the consideration of the next, that we may fervently join in the prayers and praises of thy Church, and listen to our duty with honest hearts, in order to practise it.*

humbly beg, through the merits and meditation of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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## EVENING PRAYER.

**M**OST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; we come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging the manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws which we would now recall in thy presence.\* But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us an hearty contrition; that we may

*Confession of sins, with a prayer for contrition and pardon.*

*\* Here let him who reads make a short pause, that every one may secretly confess the sins and failings of that day.*

obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

**A**ND lest, through our own *Prayer for grace to reform and grow better.* frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice: that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards thee, and towards men: That so, we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**A**ND accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. *The Intercession.* Let the light of thy Gospel shine upon all nations, and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in

his vocation and ministry, may serve thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbours. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities, for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The Thanksgiving.* **T**O our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies; for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore thy mercy in sending thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards thee. We bless thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great

provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of thy Holy Spirit; for thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day: beseeching thee to continue these thy blessings to us; and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to his laws, through whose merits and intercession we received them all, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**I**N particular, we beseech thee *Prayer for God's protection through the night following.* to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die: so that, living and dying, we may be thine, through the merits and satisfaction of thy Son Christ Jesus, in whose name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

## OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

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### A PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER.

**G**RACIOUS Lord, I am now invited to thy table; may I go to it with a broken and a contrite heart. O blessed Jesus, may I look upon thee, whom my sins have pierced, and mourn. Grant to me pardon and peace, through the atonement of thy precious blood. Cleanse me from my sins, and clothe me with thy righteousness. And while I feel my guilt as a sinner, grant me, O thou crucified Saviour, to rejoice in thy mercy. Increase my faith in thee, and fill my soul with love to thee.

Let the bread, which I hope to receive, remind me of thy body, which was broken for our sins, and bruised for our iniquities; and may I feed on thee in my heart by faith, with thanksgiving. May the wine bring to my remembrance thy precious blood, which cleanseth from all sin, and which was shed to make reconciliation for iniquity. May I receive it with thankfulness; and be filled with all joy and peace in believing, and abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. May I taking the bread and the wine, show my



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utter dependence for salvation upon that death upon the cross which they represent to my soul. May I do all in remembrance of thee, O Lord Jesus, and in obedience to thy word. O thou Lamb of God, that madest peace by the blood of thy cross, speak peace to my soul; and be thou graciously pleased to manifest thyself unto me as thou dost not unto the world.

May I return from thy table, O Lord, strengthened and refreshed for thy holy and blessed service. Didst thou die for me? oh let me live to thee. Give me grace to deny myself, to take up my cross, and to follow thee. Bought with a price which angels cannot reckon, may I glorify thee both in my body and in my spirit, which are thine. Help me to crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts. Grant me to be more meek and lowly in heart, and to be more spiritually minded, which is life and peace.

Behold the sorrows of those who are filled with groundless fears lest they should eat and drink unworthily. Enable them to cast themselves upon Christ, and so discern the Lord's body. Comfort those whom Satan would drive to despair; and give rest to all who are

weary and heavy laden with sin. Convince of their guilt and misery those who will not come to the feast which thou hast prepared; and have mercy upon those who may presume to come without that preparation of heart which is from thee, and consists in entire surrender of soul and body to thee. Show them their danger, whether they are madly living in sin, or vainly trusting in their own righteousness.

O thou divine Saviour, who knowest what is in man, help me to judge, and try, and examine myself, whether I be in the faith. And when the tares shall no longer grow together with the wheat, then may thy holy angels gather me, with all thy redeemed, into thy kingdom, to rejoice in thy love, and to praise thy Name, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### HYMN.

*"He brought me to the banquetting house, and his banner over me was love."* CANT. ii. 4.

1. **L**OWLY as Sharon's rose, and fair  
As lilies which the valleys bear,  
My soul would be, to meet my Lord,  
Belov'd and honour'd and ador'd.
2. He leads me in the safe retreat,  
Defended from the burning heat:  
Whene'er I fainted, o'er my head  
The banner of his love he spread.

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3. With living bread and sacred wine  
He cheers this sinking heart of mine ;  
Confirms anew his covenant grace,  
And fills me with abounding peace.
  4. Oh never may that peace depart,  
But dwell in me, and keep my heart !  
From thee I never would remove,  
Nor grieve thee, nor offend thy love.
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A PRAYER AFTER  
RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER.

**H**ELP me, O blessed Jesus, to meditate on thy love. Let it inspire my heart and influence my life. Give me grace now to renew that surrender of myself to thee, which I made at thy table, and in the presence of thy people. Let thy love in dying for me constrain me to live more and more to thy glory. May I feel those infinite obligations by which I am bound to love and serve thee. Redeemed, not with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with thy precious blood, oh may I keep back nothing from thee, but devote myself, and all that I have, unto thee. Help me to give thee my heart ; and do thou sanctify and cleanse it, to the glory of thy Name.

O merciful Saviour, I praise thee for thy dying love, which has been brought to my remembrance this day. If any godly sorrow, if any lively faith, were excited, not unto me, O Lord, not unto me, but unto thy Name, be all the glory. Cherish every holy desire and purpose of heart to do thy will, O God: let them not be as the morning cloud or the early dew which passeth away; but confirm and strengthen that which thou hast wrought in me. Graft in my heart the love of thy Name; increase in me true religion; nourish me with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep me in the same.

And forasmuch as without thee I am not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule my heart. May I hold such communion with thee, my Saviour and my God, as may increase me in my love and likeness to thee. Grant that I may daily become more meet for that blessed world, where I shall no more desire such pledges of thy love, or want such memorials of thy grace, but shall see thee face to face, and be filled with everlasting wonder, love, and praise.

May all who have waited upon thee this

day, find their spiritual strength renewed. Comfort and succour those who may be called in any way to suffer for thy truth. May they steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? truly my hope is in thee. O fill me with thy grace and heavenly benediction, for sweet is thy mercy. And when thou shalt come to be glorified in thy saints, and to be admired in all them that believe, then may I sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, at thy marriage supper, O thou Son of God, and love and adore thee who art the Lamb, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### HYMN.

*Salvation by the Blood of the Lamb.*

**T**HERE is a fountain filled with blood,  
 Drawn from Immanuel's veins:  
 And sinners plunged beneath that flood,  
 Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see  
 That fountain in his day;  
 And there may I, though vile as he,  
 Wash all my sins away.

3 Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood  
 Shall never lose its power,  
 Till all the ransomed church of God  
 Be saved to sin no more.

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4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream,  
 Thy flowing wounds supply,  
 Redeeming love has been my theme,  
 And shall be till I die.

5 Then, in a nobler, sweeter song,  
 I'll sing thy power to save ;  
 When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
 Lies silent in the grave.

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## A PRAYER

FOR THE

INCREASE AND PROSPERITY OF CHRIST'S  
 CHURCH AND KINGDOM.

**W**E humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,  
 to bless and prosper the word of thy grace.  
 Send forth thy light and thy truth to all nations.  
 Hasten the fulfilment of all that thou hast pro-  
 mised concerning the glory of thy dear Son,  
 and extend his kingdom over all the earth. Let  
 him be the Light of the Gentiles, and the Glory  
 of thy people Israel. Lord, we plead with  
 thee for the sake of thy great Name, the truth  
 of thy promises, and the happiness of thy  
 creatures ; and beseech thee to give unto thy Son  
 the Heathen for his inheritance, and the utter-  
 most parts of the earth for his possession.  
 Arise, O God, and plead thine own cause.  
 Have respect unto the covenant of grace and

mercy, for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty. How long shall the prince of darkness usurp the promised inheritance of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. O let the throne of the Redeemer be established on the ruins of Satan's kingdom. Pull down the strong-holds of Antichrist; and convert all nations, making them obedient to the faith of the Gospel.

And while we thus pray, we also bless thee, O Lord, for the general desire thou hast created to spread the word of thy truth and righteousness throughout the world. Lord, increase it, we beseech thee, a hundred fold. Give thy blessing to all the Societies, in this and in other nations, which have for their object thy glory and the salvation of man. Guide the minds of those who conduct their affairs. In all their trials and difficulties comfort and support them.

Regard, we beseech thee, with thy most gracious favour, all the Ministers of thy Gospel, and especially those who are preaching to the poor Heathen the unsearchable riches of Christ. Water both them and their labours with the continual dew of thy heavenly blessing. Send forth the messengers of thy grace with the good tidings of salvation; and prepare thy way before

them. May every valley be exalted, and every hill made low; may the crooked ways be made straight, and the rough places plain; that thy word in all nations may have free course and be glorified.

May all Christian Missionaries be chosen vessels to bear thy name unto the Heathen. Bless them with health of body and peace of mind. Preserve them pure in doctrine and holy in life. Grant that they may never lose that first love which constrained them for thy Name's sake to leave their country, and all that was near and dear unto them. Give them grace to be faithful unto death that they may receive the crown of life. May thy Gospel be so preached by them, that it may drop as the rain, and distil as the dew: may it come down as rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth. May the wilderness be glad, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose; may it blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing. Let thy word never return unto thee void but prosper, and accomplish thy purposes of grace and mercy to a lost and ruined world. May all nations see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God, and be filled with holiness, peace, and love.

Look down, O Lord, with tender compassion



on thine ancient people the Jews, and receive them again to the arms of thy mercy. O pity the seed of Abraham thy servant, and the children of Jacob thy chosen. Look not to their stubbornness, nor to their iniquity, nor to their sin; but remember Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, thy servants; and hasten in these latter days the fulfilment of all the glory thou hast promised to Israel thy people. Take away the veil from off their hearts: grant them to know that Jesus Christ is their true Messiah, and that he came to visit and redeem his people. Save them from that unbelief and hardness of heart which have brought such guilt and misery upon them; and give them faith so to believe in Jesus, that they may say, "Surely he hath borne *our* griefs and carried *our* sorrows: *We* did esteem him smitten of God and afflicted; but he was wounded for *our* transgressions, he was bruised for *our* iniquities, and by his stripes *we* are healed." O let them not abide in unbelief, but bring them into thy church, O Lord God of Israel, to the glory of thy Name, who only doest wondrous things.

We beseech thee to pour out thy Spirit, to give light and life to all who are dead in sin. It is not by any human wisdom or power that the

nations of the earth can be converted unto thee ; but by thy Spirit, O Lord. Stir up thy faithful people to pray for the gift of the Holy Ghost, in all his mighty power ; and do thou hear and answer their supplications. Send down from above a more abundant measure of his Divine influence, to carry on the great work of salvation ; that the blessed Redeemer may see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. O let the earth be speedily filled with His glory, whose Name is above every name ; to whom, with thee, O Father, and thee O Holy Spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, everlasting dominion and praise. *Amen* and *Amen*.

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—*John* iii. 16.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life : and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see life ; but the wrath of God abideth on him.—*John* iii. 36.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.—*1 Cor.* xv. 58.

*Missionary Hymn.*

FROM Greenland's icy mountains,  
 From India's coral strand ;  
 Where Afric's sunny fountains  
 Roll down their golden sand ;  
 From many an ancient river,  
 From many a palmy plain,  
 They call us to deliver  
 Their land from error's chain.

2 What, though the spicy breezes  
 Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle,  
 Though every prospect pleases,  
 And only man is vile ;  
 In vain with lavish kindness,  
 The gifts of God are strown ;  
 The heathen, in his blindness,  
 Bows down to wood and stone.

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted  
 With wisdom from on high,  
 Shall we, to men benighted,  
 The lamp of life deny ?  
 Salvation ! O salvation !  
 The joyful sound proclaim,  
 Till earth's remotest nation  
 Has learned Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, his story,  
 And you, ye waters, roll,  
 Till like a sea of glory,  
 It spreads from pole to pole ;  
 Till o'er our ransomed nature,  
 The Lamb for sinners slain,  
 Redeemer, King, Creator,  
 In bliss returns to reign.

THE  
LORD'S PRAYER PARAPHRASED.

*OUR Father, who art in heaven* : Give us grace to draw near to thee with reverence, and to put our whole trust in thee, who art a Father always able and willing to defend and provide for thy children.—*Hallowed be thy name*. Cause us and all the world to worship thee and to serve thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear, that we may sanctify thy great and glorious Name.—*Thy Kingdom come*. May all the kingdoms of this world be delivered from the tyranny of Satan, and become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ. We beseech thee, O Lord, to perfect thy kingdom of grace in our souls, and to hasten thy kingdom of glory.—*Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*. Grant us to know thy wise and gracious will, and to be resigned and obedient to it in all things. May thy will be done by men on earth as it is by angels in heaven, who delight to know and are always ready to do it.—*Give us this day our daily bread*; and make us content therewith. Let us not want for our bodies the meat which perisheth; nor for our souls that which endureth unto everlasting life. Daily feed our souls with the bread of life and the water of

life; and help us to leave the supply of all our temporal wants to thee, who knowest what things we have need of.—*Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.* We pray thee, for Christ's sake, to forgive us all our sins; and to give us grace to forgive, even as we desire to be forgiven.—*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.* Keep us, O Lord, from temptations to sin: or support and deliver us when we are tempted. From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation, good Lord deliver us.—*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.* Thine is the kingdom, even an everlasting kingdom, a kingdom, which ruleth over all; and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages. Thou canst do what thou wilt with all thy creatures. Thine is the power, both to punish thine enemies, and to bless and defend thy people. And thine is the glory of creation and redemption, and of all that thy children have, of all that they do, and of all that they hope to enjoy: for of thee, and through thee, and to thee, are all things; to whom be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

HYMN.

1. **O**UR Heavenly Father, hear  
The prayer we offer now :—  
Thy Name be hallow'd far and near ;  
To thee all nations bow :  
Thy kingdom come ; thy will  
On earth be done in love,  
As saints and seraphim fulfil  
Thy perfect law above.
  
- 2 Our daily bread supply,  
While by thy word we live :  
Forgive us our iniquity,  
As we our foes forgive :  
From dark temptation's power,  
From Satan's wiles, defend :  
Deliver in the evil hour,  
And guide us to the end.
  
- 3 Thine, then, for ever be  
Glory and power divine ;  
The sceptre, throne, and majesty,  
Of heaven and earth are thine.—  
Thus humbly taught to pray  
By thy beloved Son,  
Through him we come to thee, and say,  
All for his sake be done,

## THE CHILD'S FIRST PRAYER.

O LORD, make me a good child. Take care of my dear father and mother;\* and my dear brothers and sisters;\* keep us this day [night] from all evil and sin, and when we die take us to Heaven for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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## THE CHILD'S SECOND PRAYER.

O LORD, bless me, and put thy fear and love into my heart. May I always speak the truth, and fear a lie. Bless me in my learning. May it be my delight to read thy holy word, and to do thy blessed will. Bless my dear father and mother,\* and grant that I may be a comfort and a blessing to them. May I always love them, and mind what they say to me. Give them grace to train me up in the way that I should go; and may I never depart from it. Bless my dear brothers and sisters:\* may we be very kind to each other, and dwell together in peace and love. Preserve and keep us this day [night] from all evil. Forgive us our sins; subdue our evil tempers, and make us holy; that, when we die, we may go to heaven, and be with Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

\* These expressions must be varied to suit different cases.

HYMN.

- 1 **N**OW, in my early days,  
Teach me thy will to know :  
O God, thy sanctifying grace  
Betimes on me bestow.
- 2 Make my unguarded youth  
The object of thy care :  
Help me to choose the way of truth,  
And flee from every snare.
- 3 My heart, to folly prone,  
Renew by power Divine ;  
Unite it to thyself alone,  
And make me wholly thine.
- 4 O let thy word of grace  
My warmest thoughts employ ;  
Be this, through all my future days,  
My treasure and my joy.
- 5 May thy young servant learn  
By it to cleanse his way ;  
And there the sacred path discern  
Which leads to endless day.



HYMN.

**J**ESUS, my Saviour ! hear my prayer,  
And take an infant to thy care :  
O let me come within thy fold,  
Thy grace and glory to behold.  
Jesus, do Thou my Shepherd be,  
That I may ever live with thee.



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GRACE BEFORE MEALS.

**B**LESS us, O Lord, in what we are going to receive, and make us truly thankful : for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

OR :

Bless us, O Lord, in what we are going to receive ; and give us grace to enjoy everything in thee, and thee in everything : through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OR :

With thy renewed mercies, O Lord, give us a renewed sense of thy love in them : and whether we eat, or drink, or whatsoever we do may we do all to thy glory : through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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GRACE AFTER MEALS.

**O** LORD, we praise thee for all thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

OR :

Gracious God, may the food which we have received strengthen our bodies ; and may thy Holy Spirit strengthen and refresh our souls : through Jesus Christ. *Amen*

OR :

Blessed Lord, as we live continually upon thy bounty, so may we always live to thy glory : through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The writer has been amazed and grieved at the slovenly and irreverent manner in which he has too often seen the head of a family mumble two or three words of a Grace, which, if professedly offered up to Heaven, were never likely to be accepted of that God who is to be had in reverence of all who supplicate or praise his Name. The Divine blessing should be asked, and the goodness of God acknowledged, through Jesus Christ, with an audible voice, and always in an humble, devotional frame of mind, if we would hope to enjoy the Divine favour.

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#### A PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH.

**P**OUR down upon me, O Lord, and upon this congregation, the Spirit of grace and of supplication. May we worship thee in spirit and in truth; and hear and receive thy holy word to the salvation of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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#### A PRAYER BEFORE LEAVING CHURCH.

**P**ARDON, O Lord, whatsoever thy pure eyes have seen amiss in me; and grant that I may not be a forgetful hearer, but a patient doer of thy word: that hereafter I may be glorified with thee for ever, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

## EJACULATIONS FROM SCRIPTURE.

### *On rising in the Morning.*

I LAID me down and slept; I awaked: for the Lord sustained me. (Ps. iii. 5.)

### *At Noon.*

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and that instantly. (Ps. lv. 17.)

### *On going to Bed.*

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me to dwell in safety. (Ps. iv. 9.)

### *At going out*

Lord, bless my going out and my coming in, from this time forth for evermore. (Ps. cxxi. 8.)

### *At Work.*

Prosper thou the work of my hands, O Lord: prosper thou my handy-work. (Ps. xc. 17.)

### *In Conversation*

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. (Ps. cxli. 3)

### *When evil-entreated.*

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. (Luke xxiii. 34.)

Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. (Acts vii. 60.)

*On any Loss.*

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. (Job i. 21.)

Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? (Job ii. 10.)

*In difficult Circumstances.*

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. (Ps. cxliii. 8.)

Lord, I am oppressed; undertake for me. (Isaiah xxxviii. 14.)

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper. (Ps. xxx. 10)

*For a Friend.*

The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day. (2 Tim. i. 18.)

*In Temptation.*

How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? (Gen. xxxix. 9.)

Lord, cleanse thou me from secret faults: keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins: let them not have dominion over me. (Ps. xix. 12, 13.)

*Before Prayer.*

Lord, teach us to pray. (Luke xi. 1.)

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer. Give ear, O God of Jacob. (Ps. lxxxiv. 8.)

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness. Have mercy upon me and hear my prayer. (Ps. iv. 1.)

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*Before reading the Scriptures.*

Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. (Ps. cxix. 18.)

*Going to Church.*

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let thy saints shout for joy. (Ps. cxxxii. 9.)

We will go into his tabernacles; we will worship at his footstool (Ps. cxxxii. 7.)

*Entering the House of God.*

This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. (Gen. xxviii. 17.)

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. (Ps. xix. 14.)

*On hearing the Scriptures.*

Sanctify us through thy truth: thy word is truth. (John xvii. 17.)

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OCCASIONAL EJACULATIONS.

Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies sake. (Ps. xliv. 26.)

O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee. (Isaiah xxxiii. 2.)

Father, glorify thy name. (John xii. 28.)

Lord, save us; we perish. (Matt. viii. 25.)

Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. (Mark x. 47.)

Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. (Luke v. 12.)

Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief. (Mark ix. 24.)

HYMN I.

- 1 **W**HAT various hindrances we meet  
In coming to the Mercy-seat !  
Yet who, that knows the worth of prayer,  
But wishes to be often there ?
- 2 Prayer makes the darken'd cloud withdraw ;  
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw ;  
Gives exercise to faith and love,  
Brings every blessing from above.
- 3 Restraining prayer, we cease to fight ;  
Prayer makes the Christian's armour bright ;  
And Satan trembles when he sees  
The weakest saint upon his knees.
- 4 While Moses stood with arms spread wide,  
Success was found on Israel's side :  
But when through weariness they fail'd,  
That moment Amalek prevailed.
- 5 Have you no words ! Ah ! think again :  
Words flow apace when you complain,  
And fill your fellow-creature's ear  
With the sad tale of all your care.
- 6 Were half the breath thus vainly spent  
To Heaven in supplication sent,  
Your cheerful song would oft'ner be,  
"Hear what the Lord hath done for me."

HYMN II.

- 1 **L**ORD, teach us how to pray aright,  
With reverence and with fear :  
Though dust and ashes in thy sight,  
We may, we must, draw near.
  
- 2 We perish if we cease from prayer :  
O grant us power to pray ;  
And, when to meet thee we prepare,  
Lord, meet us by the way.
  
- 3 Give deep humility ; the sense  
Of godly sorrow give ;  
A strong desiring confidence  
To hear thy voice, and live.
  
- 4 Faith in the only Sacrifice  
That can for sin atone,  
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes  
On Christ, on Christ alone ;
  
- 5 Patience to watch, and wait, and weep,  
Though mercy long delay ;  
Courage our fainting souls to keep,  
And trust Thee, though thou slay.
  
- 6 Give these—and then thy will be done :  
Thus strengthen'd with all might,  
We, by thy Spirit, through thy Son,  
Shall pray, and pray aright.

### HYMN III.

**A**WAKED by Sinai's awful sound,  
My soul in bonds of guilt I found,  
And knew not where to go ;  
Eternal truth did loud proclaim,  
" The sinner must be born again,  
Or sink to endless wo."

2 When to the law I trembling fled,  
It poured its curses on my head,  
I no relief could find ;  
This fearful truth increased my pain,  
" The sinner must be born again,"  
And whelmed my tortured mind.

3 Again did Sinai's thunder roll,  
And guilt lay heavy on my soul,  
A vast oppressive load ;  
Alas, I read and saw it plain,  
"The sinner must be born again,  
Or drink the wrath of God."

4 The saints I heard with rapture tell,  
How Jesus conquered death and hell,  
And broke the fowler's snare ;  
Yet when I found this truth remain,  
"The sinner must be born again,"  
I sunk in deep despair.

5 But while I thus in anguish lay  
The gracious Saviour passed this way,  
And felt his pity move ;  
The sinner, by his justice slain,  
Now by his grace is born again,  
And sings redeeming love.









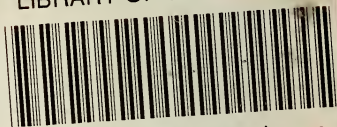
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